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Saturday, March 19, 2011

## Going green on St. Paddy's Day



Karen Cosby, left, and Lauren Roy, servers at 'He's Not Here' on the Niagara Parkway, getting into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with some green beer and other fashionable accessories to celebrate the holiday.

## OMB pit stop

Canadian Motor Speedway pre-hearing scheduled for Apr. 8 at Town Hall

Kris Dubé  
The Times

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) is making another pit stop in Fort Erie, after wrapping up a hearing over the Crystal Beach Gateway Project in November.

On Apr. 8, at 11 a.m., there will be a pre-hearing on the topic of the Canadian Motor Speedway, a \$150 million racetrack development proposed to be built on 620 acres of land between Bowen and Gilmore Roads, west of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

Seven appeals have been filed through the OMB, an independent administrative body that operates as an adjudicative board, overseeing decisions made by municipalities in the province.

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# Kim Craitor MPP

speaking up for you in

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## An Irish tradition



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The East Bertie Fire Association (station no.3) held a corned beef and cabbage dinner for the public on St. Patrick's day. Seen here, getting everything prepared are Winston Woehl, Melody Owen, Andrew Holdsworth and Rick Smith.

## New ride



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liam Freeman-Tykolis of Stevensville is on the road, safe and sound, in a brand new 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan thanks to the generosity of the Tender Wishes Foundation. The van was presented to Liam and his family on March 11 at Niagara Chrysler Dodge Jeep on Drummond Road in Niagara Falls. It is equipped with a ramp, wheelchair tie downs, a DVD player and two wireless head phones.

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## Petition still available

Residents still have a chance to put their stance on the controversial issue that is the Crystal Beach Gateway Project.

Last week, a petition was made available for people to either support council's decision to potentially begin the rezoning process of the lands at the beach or to oppose it.

The petition remains available at Sobey's on Garrison Road, Avonmart in Crescent Park, Avondale in Crystal Beach, Bertie Tire in Stevensville, the Old Bank Bistro on Jarvis Street and Brodie's Drugstore on Ridge Road.

The results will then be presented to council, by organizers.



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## Nice moves



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Local resident Dave O'Connor took advantage of the mild weather on Monday, by practicing his tricks at the Skatepark.

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out



### Go Native!

Wed., Mar 23, 7 pm,  
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## our editorial

# Look for sports section in upcoming issues

With the warm weather peeking its head around the corner, we know Greater Fort Erie's youth are going to become active, with minor summer sports.

This comes just in time, for the Sports section you will soon see in our paper.

The Fort Erie Cannons have already started working on their season with new jerseys, we have been in touch with minor baseball about coverage for this year....and I'm sure a call will be made next week to the Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club, to discuss what we can do here at the Times to help promote the enjoyment the kids get out of the game.

As the editor of this newspaper grew up in Fort Erie, playing minor sports, we realize the importance of them. It's more than just a game...it's a way to make friends, build character and of course stay in shape.

We hope there will be many young athletes creating stories for us this summer, performing at a top level but with a good attitude and sportsmanship.

We also want to thank all the coaches that volunteer their time to help make these kids' lives more enjoyable.

-Kris Dubé



# Do You Remember?

Thanks to an anonymous source for not only identifying the people in last week's photo but also giving us some great background information on aircraft patrolled highways. This photo, dated October 1973 shows from left to right, pilot Norm Ansley and Constable John Ganovsky. The O.P.P. introduced aircraft patrol in 1966 with those "Highway Patrolled By

Aircraft" signs and a large white "T" painted every 1/4 mile on the roads. These were the markers by which the pilot clocked the car's speed. It was supposed to take 15 seconds to travel the 1/4 mile between marks and anything less meant a speeding offence. By the time the speeder got to the officer in the patrol car ahead, a ticket would already be written up. A

word to the wise - the OEWE is still patrolled this way, weather permitting.

This week's photo shows a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Can anyone tell us who the man and woman are and what this truck with the foot painted on the side for was for? Please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

# St. Paddy's Day brings out respectful conversations



Kris Dubé  
Editor's Notebook

St. Patrick's Day is certainly an interesting event.

Green beer, traditional Irish music, corned beef and cabbage, leprechaun hats... I could go on forever.

As I usually do on this annual celebration, like many others, I patronized a local establishment on this celebratory evening. I did stop by another watering hole to get this week's front page photo, but that was before noon on a Thursday so I wasn't quite ready to soak in the holiday.

In the evening, I went to work at another local business where many res-

idents gathered, to get four quotes and headshots for this week's Times Asks.

When I found four willing volunteers and got what I needed from them, I put my camera and note pad away.

I was officially off work for the day. Sort of.

As I mingled with the crowd and bumped into old friends I went to school or played minor sports with, I saw a handful of people who have

played a role in some way in local issues and politics and within the snap of a finger, I was basically back at work in a way.

I wasn't surprised to get caught up in a conversation about Bay Beach... an issue I will hope to come to an end sometime soon, whatever the outcome is.

But I like talking about work, so it didn't really bother me.

The best part is, I hardly jumped into the dialogue because I wit-

nessed something I haven't seen in a long time.

Throughout the discussion I was sitting in on, was someone on both sides who has spoken publicly about the controversial issue, that in my eyes has turned many people against each other over a difference of opinion on a single matter.

What they said to each other was respectful and there were even a few spouts of laughter shared, which might have

been due to me joking about having my digital recorder going the whole time.

I just wish this was the common mindset people had over this issue, that differences of opinion can be respected and a civilized conversation can still take place.

If you would like to leave me feedback, you can call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207, or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

# Opinion page

## Reader challenges Craitor

Dear Editor,

Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor is pondering the possibility of taking legal action against the provincial Progressive Conservative Party after a news release the party issued last week.

"I thought it crossed the line," Craitor said Monday. It's the first time in 20 years I have been upset. I'm having someone, a friend who is a lawyer, look at it."

The release in question quoted Craitor from an interview with Niagara radio station CKTB as saying outgoing Niagara Hamilton Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network chair Juanita Oledhill had done "a good job" at the helm of the health-care agency.

All this 'outrage' by Mr. Craitor begs so many questions. Why didn't Craitor get "the most upset he's been in 20 years" when his government slapped the single largest income tax increase in Ontario's history onto

the backs of Niagara residents?

Did it "cross the line" when his boss, Dalton McGuinty, lied to every family in Ontario, signed a taxpayers pledge to 'not increase taxes or run a deficit,' and quickly did the exact opposite?

Did he 'contact his lawyer friend' when the LHIN, created by his government, endorsed the closing of Fort Erie and Port Colborne emergency rooms?

Was he this riled up when his government snuck in the 'coo-tax'?

Was he stomping mad when his government introduced the 13 per cent HST?

Was he this indignant when his government hiked highway rates 76 per cent in just five years and announced plans to hike them by an additional 45 per cent in the next three years?

Why didn't he scream foul in the media when the Craitor/McGuinty Liberals

revealed annual budget deficits of over \$20 billion dollars, double the largest deficits run by disastrous Premier Bob Rae?

No, Craitor doesn't get 'this' upset when his constituents get tied to over and over by Dalton McGuinty; doesn't get 'this' upset when his constituents have their taxes and other provincial costs like hydro raised to unlivable levels; doesn't get 'this' upset when his constituents are forced to drive long distances for Emergency care; doesn't get 'this' upset when our next generation is saddled with a Liberal legacy of debt—but is somehow beside himself when the PC Leader comments on the appropriateness of his 'job well done' towards one of the architects of the demise of our local health care system.

Just so long as we have our priorities straight Mr. Craitor.

Mike Sansano  
Fort Erie

## The TIMES Asks



Lauren Spear

"It's nice to go out and see all the familiar faces."



Alanna Bell

"It's my birthday, so I always celebrate."



Brianna Bell

"It's also my birthday, and I get to wear my fancy green gear."



Jesse Savage

"To pay tribute to my Irish forefathers."

Why do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

## What do you think?

E-mail: [editorial@forterietimes.com](mailto:editorial@forterietimes.com) or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

## Councillors are accountable to entire town, not just supporters

Dear Editor,

I know firsthand the campaign trail to be a gauntlet of individuals and organizations constantly trying to yell louder than the last to get your attention and make them a promise in exchange for their vote. Candidates do not always have access to all of the background information needed to make an

informed decision on an issue at the time they are running, and many make the critical mistake of allowing their personal opinion to become their campaign platform, and even more dangerous, their permanently held view on an issue once they reach a seat on council. They should instead recognize that through additional information, your stance on an issue may need to be

altered for the betterment of the community as a whole.

It is no secret that the Bay Beach Development played a large role in the conversations occurring out on the campaign trails and during the candidate nights. Many candidates shared their personal views as supporting or opposing the project—the timing of the election though was a crucial factor.

The election occurred before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing began. In the Ontario Planning Process there is no more relevant and respected authority than the OMB, and no better forum for all the facts on both sides of an issue to be presented and debated.

When you are elected, you are no longer entitled to have a personal opinion or agenda to advance. You

sit as part of the governing body entrusted to make informed decisions based on all the information available to you, and you are expected to alter your course of action when new or additional information becomes available. Your obligation is to the taxpayers, all of them, not only the ones that checked off your name on a Monday in October.

This is no longer about

the Bay Beach Development which is a misnomer since the beach itself is not being developed or given away.

Cancelling the project at this point in the process will have far reaching effects, none of which are positive.

Kimberly Zanko  
Fort Erie

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Want to know more? Visit [www.town.forterie.ca](http://www.town.forterie.ca) under Town Services, Employment Opportunities. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m., FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011.**

### (2) LOOKING FOR SUMMER WORK?

The Corporation is now accepting applications for summer student employment opportunities in parks/cemeteries; facilities; roads; horticulture; museums; engineering and office administration. Schedules may include Saturday and Sunday. Some positions require a valid, Class G drivers' license.

Further details are available at [www.town.forterie.ca](http://www.town.forterie.ca). Go to "Town Hall", then click on Employment Opportunities.

Returning students **MUST** apply. Application forms are available on-line, at Town Hall, the Leisureplex and the Gibson Centre. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 25, 2011.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### (1) OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

**ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS:** In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011."

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox).

### (2) COUNCIL'S DRAFT CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2014

A Public Meeting has been scheduled to take place during the March 21, 2011 Council-in-Committee meeting to provide the opportunity to comment on Municipal Council's draft 2011-2014 Corporate Strategic Plan.

The draft Strategic Plan sets out the most important Council priorities, goals and initiatives to focus on over the next four years.

The Draft Plan is available on the Town's web-site at: [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca). Copies are also available at Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie.

It would be appreciated if any person wishing to address Council on the Draft Plan's content during the Public Meeting contact the Clerk's Office by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011 by contacting 905-871-1600 ext. 2236.

Please direct any enquiries and all comments to the undersigned.

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### Time to appreciate



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

During January and February, the Downtown Dollar Store in Ridgeway held a customer appreciation draw. Lori Stewart, middle, received a "watch clock" as the prize, presented to her by Vivianne Cooney and Isabel Przybysz.

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# Local 'babes' challenging the community

➤ Group of women at Town Hall raising money for Rankin Cancer Run

Kris Dubé  
The Times

A group of local women are challenging the community to help win the race against cancer.

"Beth's Busty Babes," all of whom are employees at Town Hall are in their third year of operation, raising money for the second year to benefit the Rankin Cancer Run, being held in

the last three years...bringing in \$12,000 for the cause.

Last year, the Rankin Run also raised \$35,000 for Palliative Care at Douglas Memorial Hospital, along with many other medical facilities in the region.

"There's a real sense of community with this run and we want to challenge other businesses in town to participate," she said.

In the spirit of competition, the team that raises the most money, will win a full prize package that will be presented by mayor Doug Martin.

In the last five years, the Rankin Run has raised \$1.9 million, all of which is dispersed throughout Niagara.

For more information, contact Hughes at bhughes@town.forterie.on.ca.

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There's a real sense of community with this run and we want to challenge local businesses to participate."

— Beth Hughes

May in St. Catharines.

The team is captained by Beth Hughes, a cancer survivor who says fundraising for the event came as an easy decision, knowing that it raises \$100,000 a year for Wellspring Niagara, a non-profit service. Hughes turned to during a difficult time in her life when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007 and eventually beat the disease.

"The help I got from them is indescribable," said Hughes.

The team will be holding various fundraisers before the event, such as pizza days and an annual bake sale they have organized for

## The Bay Beach situation — We think you should know ....

There has been a lot of discussion around town about the proposed high-rise development on the Bay Beach waterfront in Crystal Beach.

Some people have been making statements that are not accurate and are simply not based on the facts.

We think you should know the truth.

**We will not be liable for millions in damages.** There is not yet any binding contract between the Town and the Molinaro Group. Whether or not the terms of the signed agreement ever become binding depends on the possible occurrence of a number of conditions sometime in the future.

Also, the OMB has ruled that the new Fort Erie Town Council has the absolute legal authority and right to change the zoning so that the Molinaro project cannot go ahead. The Molinaro Group did not appeal that binding decision of the OMB.

The Supreme Court of Canada, our land's highest court, has ruled that town councils cannot be fettered in their zoning decisions even if a town signs a contract that includes a Community Benefits agreement. Therefore, the Molinaro Group cannot recover damages from the Town of Fort Erie for exercising its right to change zoning.

In fact, Molinaro would never have the right to file a court action because the agreement contains a binding arbitration clause.

**Don't be fooled.** The supporters of the 12-storey condominium project have attempted to confuse the issue by quoting from a different Supreme Court decision which has no application to the issues in Fort Erie.

They do not want you to know that the Town is transferring the deed to the Bay Beach property to the Molinaro Group for no cash payment. Fortunately, this prime beachfront property (which is conservatively worth \$2.7 million) has not yet been transferred. It is still owned by the public.

**This is a great deal for Molinaro but not for us.** Under the signed Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Molinaro Group has no obligation to construct anything on that property before December 31, 2013, including any community benefits. Yet Molinaro will have total ownership and control of the beachfront property.

If Molinaro does not pre-sell a majority of the condominium units by December 31, 2013, he may simply walk away from the project with very little financial loss to his company and no obligation to the Town of Fort Erie or its taxpayers.

If this is such a good project, why is the Molinaro Group unwilling to invest any real money in it? Why do they prefer to invest the money of the taxpayers of Fort Erie?

Fort Erie is definitely open for business, contrary to the nonsense perpetrated by the anti-democracy forces. We welcome businesses that are willing to invest their own money in our community.

Most of all, we think that democracy should prevail and that each citizen should accept the majority decision of the duly elected Council, whatever that decision might be.

Paid for by the Fort Erie Waterfront Preservation Association (FEWPA), a coalition of local organizations, businesses and individuals who are committed to preserving our beautiful public waterfront for future generations to enjoy

# Racetrack holding job fair next weekend

➤ Thirty positions need to be filled at 114-year-old border oval

The management team for the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium is pleased to announce their first annual Job Fair which will take place on Saturday, March 26. There are over 30 positions that need to be filled before the 114th live racing season gets underway on May 7. Those people

“  
**We are optimistic the job fair will have a large turnout.”**

—Rick Cowan

who are interested in applying are asked to bring their resume, including references, to the Racetrack's clubhouse between 10 a.m.

and 2 p.m.

Departments with available jobs include: Maintenance, Food and Beverage, Security and Administration. Since many of the positions are seasonal, students looking for summer employment may find the job fair of tremendous value.

"We have such a wide range of positions available, everything from dishwashers to accounting clerks," said Greg Claroni, the track's human resource manager.

"It's a great feeling to confidently open the doors to the local community and encourage employment, especially when the venue is such a huge part of our town's history."

Not only will the race

track be accepting resumes for current available positions but management will also be accepting resumes in order to prepare for jobs that may become available in the future.

"We are optimistic that

the job fair will have a large turnout," said chief operating officer, Rick Cowan.

"It acknowledges our commitment to the 2011 season and the great year that we have planned," he added.

## Fort Erie a place to fish?

Fort Erie has been nominated as the best place to fish in Canada as part of the 2010 World Fishing Network (WFN) Ultimate Fishing Town contest. The WFN, North America's only 24-hour fishing lifestyle network, is conducting the search through a nationwide contest and awarding a \$25,000 prize and more to the winning community. Residents can support the nomination and help reel in a win by adding photos, videos and essays about Fort Erie at [www.wfnfishingtown.com](http://www.wfnfishingtown.com).

The competition is open

to nearly every community in Canada except Port Alberni, B.C., which, despite a population of just 18,000 residents, was named the 2010 WFN Ultimate Fishing Town. In addition to national recognition of being named the 2011 WFN Ultimate Fishing Town and a \$25,000 donation to be used towards fishing-related causes, the town will also receive a tourism boost when it is featured on WFN.

"Passionate anglers from around the country - from small rural towns to large cities - have proudly come

forward to nominate their community as the best place to wet a line," said Mark Rubinstein, president and chief executive officer of WFN. "We want people to get behind their towns, communities and cities and prove that they deserve the title of ultimate fishing town."

Following the nomination period that runs until April 6, the first round of public voting will be open from April 12 - May 3. The 18 finalists, comprised of the three entries with the highest vote totals from each of the four regions plus six "wild card"

entrants selected by WFN, will advance to the final round of voting from May 10-31. The results will be announced in June at a ceremony in the winning community emceed by Mariko Izumi, host of WFN's Hookin' Up with Mariko Izumi.

In 2010, WFN asked Canadians to name the best place to wet a line and Canadians representing 160 different communities nationwide stepped up to tell WFN why their town is Canada's best place to fish. After more than 850,000 votes were cast Port Alberni, BC, earned the \$25,000 first prize and a 30-minute show on WFN about their fishing community.



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# Friendship Centre looking for budget increase

Kris Dubé  
The Times

The Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres (OFIFC) wants the government to provide more funding to allow for better delivery of programs and services.

Last Friday, the OFIFC and representatives from different centres around the province gathered at Queen's Park, to explain the need for an increase in funding.

Jackie Poulin, executive director of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC), explained that despite funding for the local centre is funded by the federal government, with \$114,000 per year.

Money from the province also keeps the centre open, but more is certainly needed.

"We want to increase our profile, so people know we're running on a shoe-string budget," said Poulin.

Since the FENFC's establishment, countless individuals and families have benefited from what is offered, but Poulin feels even more can be accomplished with a little extra cash.

"We've been very fortunate in what we've been able to pursue over the last 27 years, but I would love to see enhancements to programs," she said.

The last time the FENFC received an increase in its annual budget was 1986 and the base funding covers five paid positions.

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**I'm definitely in support of this, because I know the good work they do.”**

— Kim Craltor

Once the payroll is done, there is only a minimal amount left to operate.

"What do they expect us to do with basically nothing?"

Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craltor says this is an important issue to him, considering there are two centres in his riding, one in Fort Erie and another in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

He was a part of the dis-

cussion last week and told the Times on Wednesday that he supports the OFIFC's request for a financial increase.

"I'm definitely in support of this, because I know the good work they do," said Craltor.

Sheila McMahon, the OFIFC's president, said the current funding structure only allows for 25 per cent of the urban aboriginal population to receive the programs and services they need, as there are extensive waiting lists at many of the province's 29 Friendship Centres.

"We want the government to know what a tremendous success the Friendship Centres are in the aboriginal communities and for Ontario. We need their commitment of support to address gaps in the service," she said.



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Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre staff Valerie Moses, left, Jackie Poulin, Dina Martin, Goody Dockstaer and Jackie Labonte.



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# 'Monologues' will benefit three causes for women

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Three causes for women will be the beneficiary of an upcoming production of "The Vagina Monologues," a classic play about women and their struggles and what they can do to overcome them.

Running April 9 to 11, the

show will feature a diverse cast consisting of a few local actresses and others from around Niagara. It will be held at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts on Ridge Road.

"It's going to be a really good show," said the play's director Deanna Spencer-Walker, who also co-ordinated productions of the

same story while attending university in Alberta.

Benefitting from this effort will be Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation (WARM) and the Women of Haiti organization.

Money will also be raised in honour of a close friend of Spencer-Walker who passed away from a brain

aneurysm two years ago, by contributing to the Marsha Ellen Meadow Foundation.

Marsha partnered with Deanna on their adaptations of the Vagina Monologues at university too.

"She was one of the most amazing people I've ever met and it kind of lit a fire under me to continue it,"

said Spencer-Walker, who also pointed out that they raised over \$60,000 for women's groups.

The upcoming production will run just in time for "V-Day," a global activist movement to stop violence against females.

It is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise

money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations.

Doors will open for all three shows at 6 p.m. and there is a silent auction planned for the event.

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## Students charged

Two youths arrested after setting fire inside high school wash-room

On Friday, February 25, 2011, members of the Niagara Regional Police (NRP) at no. 5 district criminal investigations branch commenced an investigation after NRP and Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a fire inside a Fort Erie Secondary School washroom.

On March 16, the investigation coincided with the arrest of two youths, ages 15 and 17 who cannot be named under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Both youths have been charged with the alleged offence of Mischievous under \$5,000, contrary to the Criminal code of Canada.

The 15-year-old youth was also charged with an additional count with an additional count of Mischievous stemming from an unrelated incident and was subsequently held for a bail hearing in St. Catharines.

The 17-year-old was released on a promise to appear - officer in charge undertaking.



# 'Go Native' with the Bert Miller Nature Club

Following the success of last year's 'Nature in Niagara' series of public outreach seminars, the Bert Miller Nature Club is partnering with the Fort Erie Public Library (FEPL) once again to bring an environmental message to the community.

This Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at the FEPL's centennial branch, the Bert Miller Nature Club will be presenting 'Go Native,' a seminar on the benefits of growing native plants in the home garden.

The guest speaker will be

Theresa Forte, a Niagara Falls-based garden consultant, writer and nature photographer whose illustrated weekly column has appeared in daily Sun Media newspapers in the region for the past 12 years.

Theresa is an advocate of native plants and she regularly sings their praises in both her written work and presentations.

Her topic on Wednesday will be 'Sweet Caroline: A Look at Carolinian Natives,' which will focus on easy-care trees, shrubs and plants for Niagara gardens.

Being part of the Carolinian zone, local residents will find this presentation extremely relevant, says the Bert Miller Nature Club.

The local organization says as our natural spaces continue to disappear, it is most essential that we, as individuals, help maintain the biodiversity of our area by growing native species on our own property.

Admission to the seminar is free but advance tickets are available. To reserve your ticket, contact Amy Roebuck at (905) 871-2546, ext. 309.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Bert Miller Nature Club program organizer Lynda Goodridge, left, Fort Erie Public Library board chair Ann McLaughlin and Bert Miller Nature Club vice-president Dawn Piernowski are encouraging the public to attend a seminar this Wednesday on the importance of native plants.

## GLT keeps entertaining

Tickets now available for "On Golden Pond"

Garrison Little Theatre is getting ready to entertain the community, once again.

Its next production, Ernest Thompson's theatrical masterpiece "On Golden Pond" will begin at the Italo-Canadian Club on April 8 and wrap up with a matinee on April 16.

There are performances also on April 9, 10 and 15.

Tickets are available right now for \$35, which includes the performance and a full course dinner from Maria's Catering. The matinee costs \$20 and is served with a lunch.

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Dimoff will be bringing a wealth of experience gained from calling at several thoroughbred tracks in North America including Northlands Park in Edmonton, Turf Paradise (Arizona), Bay Meadows (California) and The Fair Grounds in New Orleans.

Mike's big break came when he called his first race at Northlands Park in 1989.

The 43-year-old Toronto native moved to western Canada with his family at the age of 10, coming back to Toronto in his early 20's to pursue a broadcasting diploma before returning to Edmonton. Mike still has family ties in Ontario; in fact, his aunt and uncle reside in Crystal Beach.

"It's a privilege to get the

opportunity to call at a track as historic as Fort Erie. I can't wait to see what the 2011 season has in store."

Along with his duties as race caller, Mike will also become a part of the daily handicapping show alongside racing analyst Elissa Blowe.

"Mike will be taking over the tip sheets this season and he will also be passing along his handicapping knowledge to our racing fans," said Blowe.

For some people, the decision to move from one province to another may be difficult but Mike has had plenty of positive feedback about the racetrack. "I have been told by my friends how terrific the track is. I can honestly say I've never been more excited to join a company and be a part of the team."

Opening day for The Fort's 114th season of live racing is Saturday, May 7. First race post time is 12:45 p.m.

## Naughty Girls Night donates



KRIS DUKE Fort Erie Times

Rebecca Proulx, left, of Flirt Fitness in Ridgeway, handing over \$1,325 to Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE)'s Mandy Crosby. The money was raised at the recent Naughty Girls Night 3, at Southside. The event features gymnastics and pole dancing. Proulx said Naughty Girls Night 4 will take place May 20, again raising much needed funds for COPE.

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# Confidence fueling Parkes' productive season in Montreal

Kris Dubé  
The Times

Trevor Parkes says confidence has been the key to his success in the hockey world.

The 20-year-old Fort Erie native is in his second year with the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL)'s Montreal Juniors, where he leads his team in scoring, with 31 goals, 28 assists and 59 points in total.

Last summer, he was disappointed not to hear his name called during the National Hockey League (NHL)'s entry draft, but shortly after received invitations from both the Detroit Red Wings and the Dallas Stars to attend their off-season camps.

The 6'2 left-winger decided to take his chances with the Red Wings... and the rest is history, as he later signed an entry level contract with the "original six" hockey club.

"Signing a contract with Detroit definitely gave me a big confidence boost," said Parkes in a phone interview with the Times on Wednesday.

Although he expected he might be picked up by one of the NHL's 30 clubs during the 2010 draft, it doesn't bother him. The fact that two teams recognized his talent and asked him to skate at their camps, is enough to make him realize he is doing things the way he should.

"I'm just happy to be in the place I am now," he said.

Parkes, as a 20-year-old, is eligible for one more year in the QMJHL before he turns 21. Next year, he could possibly be called up to the Red Wings' American Hockey League (AHL) team, the Grand Rapids Griffins, their farm club where players develop before playing in the NHL.

He plans to work on strength and conditioning over the summer, when he will again be visiting Detroit's camp, getting one stride of the skates closer to wearing a game jersey with the Red Wings.

"The game will be a lot different and that's what I'm looking forward to."

Pascal Vincent, general manager and head coach of the Montreal Juniors had nothing but words of praise for his young forward.

"I really believe he should have been drafted," said Vincent.

He feels Parkes is the type of player that will only become more skilled as his career progresses, considering the drive and focus he has both on and off the ice.

"He's a super kid, but hockey-wise he's paying attention to detail and he is a difference maker," said Vincent.

"He's repeating what he knows and what he's learned over the years," added Vincent.

Aside from the production he has given his junior team this year and last year,

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He's the type of kid any coach is going to like."

— Pascal Vincent

Vincent said his personality and demeanor will take him far in his career.

"He's the type of kid any coach is going to like."

Often coaching staff will have sit downs with players to go over different areas of the game they could improve on. Vincent said when he has these conversations with Parkes, there are no hard feelings but only a sense of appreciation.

"Once you're done, he gets up, shakes your hand and says thank you."

In the 2009-10 season, Parkes played 66 games with the QMJHL club, tallying 27 goals and 20 assists.

The Montreal Juniors currently sit in the 2nd overall spot of the QMJHL standings.



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Trevor Parkes in action with the Montreal Juniors. He leads the team in overall scoring.



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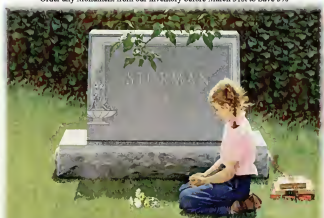
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In the estate of Julie Joanna Krone late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, deceased. All claims against the estate of Julie Joanna Krone, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about February 23, 2011, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before April 22, 2011; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard to the claims then filed.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2011.

James Michael Florkewitz, Executor  
By Richard S. Binkley Law Professional Corporation  
Solicitor & Notary Public  
1222 Simcoe Road  
Fort Erie, Ontario  
L2A 1P1  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Coming Events

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** Saturday, March 26th, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Hosted by Gloria Lodge Aux. 50 Gilmore SPECIAL: LAIDLE SLACKS \$5.00/PAIR (All new, all colours, mixed sizes S-XL) SILENT AUCTION - over 30 items PENNY SALE - over 4000 post items 50/50 DRAW \$1.00 each / Refreshments. Info: (905)871-3283. Everyone welcome.

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## Thank You Cards

## Stick by Rick Fundraiser

We would like to thank the local merchants, business, groups, clubs, shops and individuals listed below who donated prizes, gift certificates and food for our fundraiser Thanks to Ramco Printing for donating the tickets and t-shirts. Special thanks to all the musicians and bandmembers of Westwind and Stain Glass as well as Mike Webb for providing the best in entertainment. Our thanks to the Niagara Canadian Club for the use of the hall and bartending services. A very special thank you to the 50/50 winner who generously donated her share back to Rick. Our thanks and appreciation to all the people who sold and/or bought tickets and to all those who attended the fundraiser and supported the cause. The attendance was overwhelming. Special thanks also goes out to Rick's nephew Stephen Passero and Rick's niece Tiffany Johnston for their time, talent, hard work and dedication to making the fundraiser such a great success. I never would have happened without the two of you. With sincere thanks on behalf of Rick Passero and his family.

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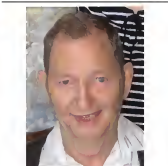
Lots of love from all of us.

### Deaths

**ASHTON, Doris Catharine** - Surrounded by the love of her family, Doris passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Tuesday March 15th, 2011 at the age of 84. Beloved wife of the late Douglas. Proud mother of George (Chris), Linda (John) Phillips, Jim (Elaune), Wayne (Tammy) Paul (Kim) and Carol (Lary) Beach. Sadly missed by 14 grandchildren and her great grandchildren. Also survived by her sisters in law Bea Dennerhouse, Muriel and Bernice Belanger, her other extended family, nephews and nieces including Peg and Arnold Kilpatrick. Predeceased by her brothers and sisters, John Donahower, Edward Donahower, Marg Brown, Helen Prosser, Bill Sloss, Whimp Sloss. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 pm Friday March 18th. Funeral Services will be conducted in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday at 11 o'clock. In keeping with the love that Doris had for Suzla and Rosla, the family would appreciate donations to be made to the S.P.C.A..

### Deaths

**BITNER, Joan E.** - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, Joan, beloved wife of the late Lorne A. Bitner (2010), and dear mother of Robert (Annette) and Patricia Donney, both of Ridgeway, grandmother of Robert (Justine), sister of Irene Meester and Harry Hamnes, and brother in law Marie Bitner and family of Fort Colborne. At Joan's request cremation has taken place. A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** 905-894-0120.



**BUTCHART, Judith Heather** (nae Anderson) - Judy passed away on March 12, 2011 at the age of 64, in the Palliative Care Unit at Northumberland Hill Hospital in Cobourg after a courageous fight with cancer. Judy leaves Ross, her loving husband of 41 years, cherished daughter Tammy (Costin) and adored son Jeff (Franine). Judy was blessed with 2 beautiful grandchildren, 11 month old Nathan (Jeff and Franine) and 8 month old Olive (Tammy and Costin). Judy is survived by her mother, Kay Grensford of Fort Erie, as well as her sister Susan Purbey (Paul) of Fort Erie. She was predeceased by her father Franklin James Anderson. Judy will be greatly missed by her in-laws, Jim and Jean Bochar of Cobourg and David and Brenda Butchart of Baltimore. She also leaves behind nephews and a niece as well as many grand-nieces and grand-nephews. The family deeply thanks Dr. John Jeffrey, Advanced Practice Nurse Janet Giroux and the Oncology team, as well as staff on Kingston 5, Kidz 9 and in the Chemo Lab at Kingston General Hospital for their outstanding help and caring. Special thanks to Dr. Erin Pepper, Dr. David Morsom and the staff of the Palliative Care Unit at Northumberland Hill Hospital. Grateful thanks to CCAC staff and the VON nurses that helped keep Judy comfortable while at home. There will be a Memorial Celebration for Judy on Friday March 25, 2011 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 200 McIntosh Street (Midland Avenue and Kingston Road), South Cobourg, ON. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Palliative Care Unit, Northumberland Hill Hospital, 1000 DePalme Dr., Cobourg, ON, K9A 5W6 would be appreciated.

### Deaths

**EDGINGTON, Muriel (Gordon)** - Peacefully at Gilmore Lodge, Fort Erie on Thursday March 17th, 2011, age 93 years. Born in Saskatoon on June 24th, 1917, she married Henry Edginton, who predeceased her in 1974. They were sent to Fort Erie in 1943 by the War Department for work at Fleet and remained, becoming Charter Members of the First Baptist Church and helping to build two churches and a mission. Throughout her life, she shared with others her love of music, volunteered by serving as President of both Garrison Road and RCBS's Home and School groups and maintained friendships and family contacts with gifts and regular phone calls. She was fortunate to have had her health, mobility and memory almost to the end. She leaves five children, Faith Macquarie, Ottawa, Ont., Crystal Beach, Muriel (Frank) Certo, Florida, Ada (Gary) Sherk and Henry (Fridgeway), eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. The oldest of ten children, she has four living siblings, Don, Ross and Stan Gordon, Vancouver and Evelyn Melville, Victoria, was predeceased by five brothers and sisters. The family will receive their friends at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wintemute Street, Fort Erie on Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service at First Baptist Church, corner of Berline and Central Avenues, Fort Erie on Monday March 21st at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Gary Screenshot Page officiating. Visitation from 1:00 p.m. Interment at St. Catharines Cemetery, Fort Erie. The family wishes to thank the caring staff at Gilmore Lodge. In lieu of flowers, donations to the SPCA or Gilmore Lodge Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. On line condolences at [www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com)

### Deaths

There's an open gate at the end of the road,  
Through which each one must go alone;  
And there is a light we cannot see  
Until we have reached the open door.  
Beyond the gate, our loved ones  
Find happiness and rest,  
And there is comfort in the thought  
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## Deaths

**FRASER, Pastor John** - On March 18th, 2011 at his late residence in Sharnbrook, Ontario in his 60th year. Loving husband and best friend of Cathy (nee Gobel). Deceased father of C.J. (Christine), Chad (Christina), Luke and Jesse. Proud grandfather of Logan, Marissa, Ty and Aubrey. Cherished son of Millie Fraser and brother of Bob Fraser and Cindy (Bob Fraser's wife) will be sadly missed by the members of the Gobel family. His father in law Joe, brother in law Patrick (Cheryl), sister in law Margaret (Norman) Sister, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family and many friends. Predeceased by his father Bart and his mother in law Pat. John was the Pastor of Falls View Brethren in Christ Church in Niagara Falls. John was devoted to his Faith, Family and Friends. His ongoing mission work allowed him a chance to share these passions with others. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Saturday March 19th from 8-9 and on Sunday from 1-4 & 7-9. Interment will occur at McAffee Cemetery (Thompson Rd. and Niagara River Pkwy) on Monday morning at 10 o'clock followed by a service to celebrate John's life at the Fort Cobourg Brethren in Christ Church (10641 Hwy #3) at 11:30. If so desired, donations to Falls View Brethren in Christ Church or Mission of Hope would be appreciated by the family.

**HAMILL, Elizabeth (Beth)** - Passed away peacefully on Wednesday March 16, 2011 at the Meadows of Dorchester at the age of 86. Beloved wife of the late Bill (1955). Dear mother of Betty Oliver (late Terry). Cherished grandmother of Heather and Bill Oliver. Predeceased by 7 brothers. Beth's family will receive friends at MORSE & SON FUNERAL HOME 5417 Main Street, Niagara Falls, on Monday March 21st from 11-1 followed by a service in the chapel. Interment will follow at Lundy's Lane Cemetery. For those with wish memorial donations may be made to St. John Ambulance Eye Hospital. Online guest register [www.morseandson.com](http://www.morseandson.com)

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**TRIDER, Margaret "Honey" Royer** - Peacefully in her sleep, with her sister by her side, Honey passed away on March 12, 2011 at St. Thomas-Elgin Hospital. Born in Fort Erie on March 31, 1945, to Irene (former Lotina) Hayhurst and the late Earl Trider. Also predeceased by her father Michael Lotina. Loving wife of Glen Royer, mother to Kyle of Iona Station, Lydia (Scott) of St. Thomas and Terry of California. Grandmother to William, Kory, Cassandra and Bailey.

Loving sister to Diane (Roy) Larouque, Ken Trider, Joanne (Jim) Newman, Susan (Larry) Duncan, Darlene Lolene and many nieces and nephews. Lisa Trider is survived by her special aunt, Liz Trider of Ridgeway and many cousins in the Trider family. Funeral services took place Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at the Williams Funeral Home in St. Thomas, Ontario. Cremation has taken place. Interment to be announced at a later date.

*Time takes away the edge of grief  
But memory turns back every leaf.*

Memorial Verse #39  
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## Deaths

**WALPOLE (Devereux), Shirley Ileen**  
April 10th 1944 - March 10th 2011  
Peacefully in her sleep at Douglas Memorial Hospital after a short battle with cancer, Shirley is survived by daughters Sherry Nigh, Brandie (Doug) Chrysler, Leah (Bert) Kinghorn, her sister Wendy (Leon) Roy and brother Doug (Betty Ann) Devereux. Predeceased by her parents Myrtle and Harold Devereux, sister Linda Comer and Husband Fred Walpole (1994). Loving Grandma of eleven grandchildren and one great-grandson. Special thanks to Dr. Kim Soher for his excellent care and compassion during this difficult time, and also to the many nurses and staff of D.M.H. in lieu of flowers donations to The Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. A family service was held at Greenwood Cemetery on Friday, March 18th.

## In memoriam

**ALAN SMITH**

March 19, 2005

A whisper that March day,  
You got a gentle call,  
God took you by the hand,  
And you quietly left us all.  
You never failed to do your best,  
Your heart was true and tender,  
You only lived for those you loved,  
And only those you love remember.  
Your wants in life were simple,  
Your love for us was true,  
As long as we were happy,  
You were happy too.  
Tired and weary, you made no fuss,  
If I tried so hard to stay with us,  
Always loved and remembered  
Florence, Sean, Turner, Austin and Colton

**Graeme Gorrie**

March 20th, 2010

If I close my eyes, I see your face,  
Your smiling lips, I can almost taste.  
I can feel your hand, close over mine,  
As you tell me close, one more time.  
Then I awake, once again and cry.  
Once again, I have to say goodbye.  
But tonight as I lay down to sleep,  
I will pray dear Lord,  
My dreams,  
Please keep.  
Keep them in my heart,  
For it is our love that will never part.  
Time will never heal my pain,  
The ache remains.  
Your love lives, Cindy

The blow was great, the shock severe,  
We will thought the end was near,  
And only those who have lost can tell  
The pain of parting without farewell.  
More each day we miss you, father,  
Friends may think the wound is healed,  
But little know the sorrow  
That lies within our hearts concealed.  
We'll miss you always,  
Yours sons Ross, Jim and Brent.

We cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see,  
Save all is waf' that's done by Thee.  
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## In memoriam

**Huibert Vanderkraan**  
March 18, 2006

In a quiet little place  
Where breezes gently blow  
Lies one we love so dearly  
And lost five years ago.  
Your resting place we visit,  
Put flowers there with care  
We turn the pain we have  
When we learn and leave you here.  
Forever in our thoughts and hearts.

Missed and loved by his family, wife,  
children, grandchildren,  
and great grandchildren.

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## In memoriam

**RICHARD (RICK) BELWARD**

In loving memory of a dear Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather who passed away March 18, 2008. I remember the day I met you  
The day God made me miss you  
I remember the day God took you  
And will till the end of time.  
It's so sad to walk the road alone  
Instead of side by side.  
But to all there comes a moment  
When the paths of life divide.  
You gave me years of happiness  
Then sorrow came then tears  
I will leave beautiful memories  
Among the tears and heartache  
One thing I know is true  
It was a pleasure and an honour  
To walk through life with you.  
Sady missed and always loved.  
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## Navy Cadets recognized at competition

The Navy League Cadets returned home from the Niobe Squadron competition in Hamilton, recently, with plenty to show for it.

They won first place in the first aid competition, second place in the seamanship competition and third place in the semaphore competition.

Their next move will be advancing to the provincial competition at CPB Trenton in April.

Participating at the Niobe

Competition were PO2 Andrew McClelland, PO1 William McClelland, PO2 Adam Hackett, OC Caitlin Putney, AC Mickey Kiss, OC Edward Veenhoof, OC Liam Mair, OC Connor Reece, OC Tyler Hoffman, AC Bethany Hoffman, OC Jacob Stewart, OC Nathan Wood, OC Kelly Gallo, OC Hudson Rancourt and OC Erik Gibbs.

The Navy League also wishes to thank all of its officers, coaches and volunteers.



The Navy League Cadet Corps Black Creek brought home some hardware at the recent Niobe Squadron Competition in Hamilton.

## HIAFE says thanks, needs support

The Head Injury Association of Fort Erie (HIAFE) sincerely thanks Paul Sivilotti, president of Sherwin Williams for the donation of paint and supplies, and the entire Sherwin Williams team for painting HIAFE's Niagara Parkway office.

A special thank you to Anne Annunziata, of Rob Nicholson's office for arranging this project, and Randy Cox for donating his time and years of professional painting experience.

HIAFE does not receive any government funding and depends entirely on the membership and community to support its fund raising efforts.

HIAFE thanks all of these individuals for dedicating their time and effort.

HIAFE would also like to present The ninth annual Mayor's Cup.

This will include a hockey game at the Leisureplex arena on March 25, featuring mayor Martin's team battling against the Fort Erie Meteors Alumni. Game will begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by a silent auction, dinner, dance and cash bar beginning at 5 p.m.

HIAFE is currently seeking donations for the auction.

You can support their efforts with a donation or by purchasing tickets for the event. Call (905) 871-7789 for more information.

## Fugitive on the loose

Three police agencies, including the Niagara Regional Police, are looking for a man wanted for alleged criminal offenses in several Ontario jurisdictions.

On Sept. 16 and 17, Steven Albert Venditello, who previously lived in the Burlington and Mississauga areas, though his current whereabouts are unknown, allegedly assaulted and forcibly confined a woman in Niagara Falls and Port Colborne.

Police allege Venditello, 34, breached the conditions of a probation order in effect at the time.

He is wanted by Peel

Regional Police as his alleged actions are a breach of a conditional sentence order in place at the time because of a previous conviction there.

Toronto police are also looking for Venditello for a fraud-related offense.

Venditello is described as white, around 6'3", 200 pounds, with fair complexion, brown hair and blue eyes.

It's believed he may be in Ontario or Quebec. Police describe him as extremely violent and should not be approached by people.

Anyone with information can call the NRP at 905-688-4111, ext. 2320.

## Police warn of scam

Police are warning of another scam that has targeted senior citizens. A St. Catharines woman was nearly the victim of a scheme, involving a male claiming to be a security person from her bank and needed her help to catch an employee involved with theft.

The fraudster instructed the complainant to withdraw a sum of cash, from her account and meet an associate, also posing as a bank representative, at a

local grocery store parking lot.

The complainant withdrew the money and attended the parking lot. The complainant became uneasy when the accomplice approached her and asked her for the envelope containing the money. The complainant asked the accomplice to come with her to her bank and make the exchange there. The accomplice did not want to attend the bank and left the scene on foot and empty-handed.

## Bricks & Bouquets

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**Bouquet**  
To people who win 50/50 draws at local fundraisers and are thoughtful enough to donate their winnings back to the cause.

**Bouquet**  
To people who support local fundraisers in any way they can. It's amazing how people can pull together in a time of need. It makes me proud to be a Fort Erie resident.

**Brick**  
To a local grocery store who has been contacted about one of their baggies being left abandoned on a street corner. Three days after we first called, it is still there for the neighbourhood kids to push around on the street, causing noise during the evening hours I would rather not have to tolerate.

**Brick**  
To people who don't respect the opinions of others, but are different from their own. Whatever

happened to the term "agree to disagree" it seems this is something that has been completely thrown out the window in this time.

**Bouquet**  
To everyone who participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake campaign, including four town councillors and the mayor who gave up a Saturday night for a worthy cause.

**Bouquet**  
To people who celebrate St. Patrick's Day responsibly. Yes, it's a holiday where alcohol is usually involved, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't set a good example for younger generations by behaving like an adult with your priorities intact.

**Brick**  
To those who don't understand the importance of keeping in shape. All it takes is a few minutes of exercise a day to feel much better about yourself.



## How To Grow Your Own ZINNIAS

Bill Havenaar, 37 Robin Road, 3033 Townline Road, Stevensville, a Five Bloom Communities in Bloom gardening winner, has developed a program to produce his own large, colourful Zinnias in limited space beginning in mid April. His choice of seeds is from Stokes Seeds, Thorold Stone Road, Niagara Falls. He sets up a multi-tiered grow Lux Light station in the sunroom and the soil used is a seedling mix, without fertilizer at that time, to prevent having the seedlings grow too fast. Using large trays, Bill provides the seedlings with a bottom watering system. Starting by using one inch "cellpaks", Bill can produce 72 growing plants in each large plastic flat placed on propagation mats. With 85% to 90% germination with this system, Bill finds that he will have many extra plants to give to his neighbours. This, he says, produces a glowing road of colourful flowers each year.

For hardening purposes, Bill places the plants under grow lights in a storage shed by the end of April where he follows the readings on a moisture meter to guide watering. After ten days, the seedlings are now placed in 2 1/2 inch cellpaks and he has 32 of these per flat which are placed into a portable greenhouse for hardening. These are cared for until the May 24th weekend when they will be transferred to outdoor planters and beds. At this time, an addition of light Miracle Grow fertilizer is used.

As the season progresses, when buds occur on the Zinnia plants, Bloom Miracle Grow fertilizer is used to promote blooms. This is added lightly from the bottom as it can be mixed with water. "Time Release Grains" of fertilizer, a slow release fertilizer, is used through the flowering season.

Bill Havenaar has a very worthwhile hobby which brings beauty, not only to their property, but also to the neighbourhood in Black Creek Retirement Village.

Why not try Bill's approach to growing your own flowers!



